- The name of the registered medical practioner is reported by the Appropriate Authority to the State Medical Council concerned for taking necessary action including suspension of the registration if the charges are framed by the court and till the case is disposed off.

Further, Appropriate Authorities are empowered with the powers of a Civil Court for search, seizure and sealing the machines, equipments and records of the violators of law including sealing of premises and commissioning of witnesses. It has been made mandatory to maintain proper records in respect of the use of ultrasound machines and other equipments capable of detection of sex of foetus and also in respect of tests and procedures that may lead to pre-conception selection of sex. The sale of ultrasound machines has been regulated through laying down the condition of sale only to the bodies registered under the Act.

The Governement,' on continuing basis, is taking action to strengthen the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PC and PNDT Act) as well as creating awareness on the issue through various IEC mechanisms.

**Osteoporosis**

†1275. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about fifty per cent women and twenty per cent men are suffering from osteoporosis, the disease of bones; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to cure the people of this disease and to make available medicines in health centres?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) As per information received from Indian Council of Medical Research, Osteoporosis is a systemic skeletal disease characterized by low bone density and micro architectural deterioration of bone tissue. The consequence increase in bone fragility of the spine, Hip and forearm. The prevalence of osteoporosis in Indian women or men is not known. However ICMR has conducted a community based multicentric study entitled "Assessment of Prevalence of osteoporosis in adult population in India". The result of the interim analysis of the study indicates that overall prevalence of osteoporosis in men is 33.6% and for women is 31.2%.

(b) All facilities to treat the patients of arthritis and osteoporosis diseases are available in the Safdarjung Hospital, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Smt. S.K. Hospital, with adequate infrastructure.

**Reconstructive surgery of patients under National Leprosy Elimination Programme**

1276. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Leprosy Elimination Programme (NLEP) will provide Rs. 5,000 to the leprosy cured person for the treatment of his/her deformity;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.